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MILFORD, MASS. :
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1901.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1900.

TOWN CLERK.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER.

L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SELECTMEN.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS.

ASSESSORS.

ORVILLE C. RHODES, JUDSON E. CAMP,
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OTTO L. BULLARD,	Term expires March 1, 1901.
GEORGE NELSON,	Term expires March 1, 1902.
HENRY W. PICKERING,	Term expires March 1, 1903.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

PROCTOR P. COOK,	Term expires March 1, 1901.
CHARLES W. PAUL,	Term expires March 1, 1902.
JUDSON E. CAMP,	Term expires March 1, 1903.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DAVID BIGWOOD,	Term expires March 1, 1901.
HENRY W. PICKERING,	Term expires March 1, 1902.
*AMOS E. BULLARD,	Term expires March 1, 1903.
†HARRY D. NICKERSON,	Term expires March 1, 1901.

AUDITOR.

ELIJAH B. STOWE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

GILBERT H. DRAKE.

*Left town, vacancy filled by Harry D. Nickerson.

†To fill vacancy.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JUDSON E. CAMP, ELWIN M. TAFT,
HENRY A. WHITNEY.

CONSTABLES.

LUMAN R. CAMP, WILLIE LEVEQUE,
GEORGE F. NUGENT, SILAS H. WILLIAMS.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, Term expires March 1, 1901.
ORRIN CHILSON, Term expires March 1, 1902.
OTTO L. BULLARD, Term expires March 1, 1903.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MISS SARA T. ROCKWOOD, Term expires March 1, 1901.
MRS. WILLIAM A. BURR, Term expires March 1, 1901.
MRS. HENRY COOK, Term expires March 1, 1902.
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Term expires March 1, 1902.
MRS. FRANCIS METCALF, Term expires March 1, 1903.
WESLEY E. HOWES, Term expires March 1, 1903.

Appointments for the year 1900.

FIELD DRIVERS.

PROCTOR P. COOK, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
EDWIN F. PICKERING.

POUND KEEPER.

PROCTOR P. COOK.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, JUDSON E. CAMP,
ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CHARLES F. CROOKS, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
JUDSON E. CAMP, ELBRIDGE GRANT,
ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, HENRY W. PICKERING.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LUMAN R. CAMP, JUDSON E. CAMP,
CLARENCE A. CROOKS, EDWARD E. ROCKWOOD.

AUCTIONEER.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

INSPECTOR OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.
CARROLL E. WHITE.

SEXTONS.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, ORRIN CHILSON,
HENRY W. PICKERING.

BURIAL AGENT UNDER CHAPTER 164, ACTS OF 1897.
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

POLICE OFFICERS.

HIRAM E. CROOKS, FRED M. RHODES,
ELWIN M. TAFT, EDWIN S. ALGER.

TREE WARDEN.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP.
SILAS H. WILLIAMS.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT MARCH TOWN MEETING.

JOHN J. GERSTLE, JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
DANIEL SULLIVAN, CHARLES E. MARBLE,
WALTER H. THAYER, CHARLES J. NUGENT,
GEORGE E. ALDRICH, MAURICE F. SAVAGE.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

JOHN T. GERSTLE, JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
DANIEL SULLIVAN, CHARLES E. MARBLE.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1900.

February supreme judicial, John O'Keefe.
April criminal term, Luman R. Camp, Charles F. Crooks.
May civil term, William L. Cook.
September criminal term, Lucian S. Holbrook.
October civil term, Alvin H. Clark.
December criminal term, John H. Dix.
January 1901, civil term, Allan J. Barber.

I will again call the inhabitants' attention to my report of the year ending 1897, to the law in regard to marriages solemnized in another state when either one of the parties' home is in this state.

I have licensed 139 dogs the past year, and paid the county treasurer \$271.80.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1900.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Jan.	Emerson P. Bartlett,	Bellingham,	Rev. Dwight M. Hodge,
3,	Hattie M. Cook,	Bellingham,	at Bellingham.
Feb.	James O. Richardson,	Bellingham,	Rev. D. T. Magill,
3,	Jennie Foster,	Bellingham,	at Milford.
May	William T. Kelliher,	Boston,	Rev. Daniel J. Keleher,
13,	Catherine E. Naughtin,	Bellingham,	at Medway.
June	James J. Kane,	Bellingham,	Rev. Daniel J. Keleher,
27,	Annie Dunn,	Bellingham,	at Medway.
July	James Trumball,	Bellingham,	Rev. Daniel J. Keleher,
8,	Bridget Hyland,	Bellingham,	at Medway.
Sept.	Isis Suprenant,	Bellingham,	
10,	Georgianna Demarais,	Woonsocket,	
Sept.	Felix Laveque,	Bellingham,	Rev. Mederic Roberger,
17,	Albena Brodeur,	Bellingham,	at Woonsocket.
Oct.	Jason T. Sprague,	Franklin,	Rev. I. W. Sneath,
25,	Sarah Brown,	Bellingham,	at Franklin.
Oct.	John R. Hinton,	Boston,	Rev. Lucian Drury,
31,	Eva L. Whitney,	Bellingham,	at Bellingham.
Nov.	Eldred J. Wentzel,	Franklin,	Rev. Frank B. Sleeper,
29.	Ruby M. Wales,	Bellingham,	at Franklin.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Dec.	Patrick Murphy,	Bellingham,	Rev. Daniel J. Keleher,
1.	Mary Shay,	Bellingham,	at Medway.
Dec.	Reuben Davis,	Bellingham,	Rev. D. T. Magill,
24,	Margaret Mannah,	Milford,	at Bellingham.
Dec.	William M. Russell,	Milford,	Rev. Francis G. Williams,
25,	Hannah C. King,	Bellingham,	at Milford.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM FOR 1900.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.		
14,	Marion Leslie Paul,	Charles W. and Cora L. (Dodge).
Feb.		
2,	Jeremiah Waldo Kennelly,	James E. and Julia (Sullivan).
March		
10,	Stephen D. Brothers,	Isaac and Josephine (Surprise).
14,	Grace Fitzpatrick,	William J. and Mary E. (Gaffney).
24,	Helen Blanche Munyon,	Albert E. and Mary S. (Merriam).
30,	Michael Raymond Kennelly,	Michael and Margaret (Hyland).
April		
22,	Cora Idabel Baker,	Walter J. and Carrie E. (Sanborn).
26,	Ellen Elmira Dee,	Daniel and Maggie (Denihan).
May		
16,	Mary Josephine Desmond,	Patrick and Johanna (Kennedy).
29,	Reba May Beaudry,	Samuel and Bertha E. (Shay).
June		
11,	Edward Rouse,	Moses and Emmile (Benoit).
20,	John Francis Grady,	John D. and Mary E. (Mooney).
23,	Henry Albert Phillips,	Frank and Jennie (Hurd).
27,	Charles Edward Clair,	Charles and Agnes.
July		
26,	Daniel Francis Dwyer,	Patrick and Margaret (Sullivan).
Aug.		
17,	Charlie Rattie,	Wm. E. and Delia (Marchant).
23,	Leander LaRose,	Euclid and Phebe (St. John).
27,	Arthur William Wales,	William F. and Grace L. (Pickering).
Oct.		
6,	Lauretta Shay,	Daniel and Ellen (Maroney).
16,	Eva Bernier,	Victor and Margaret J. (Kindelan).
16,	Violet Irene Hodgkins,	Edmond and Irene (Fisk).
24,	Ada May O'Hara,	Cornelius and Kate G. (Burnett).
27,	Charles Linwood Wilson,	Ernest and Katie (Bassett).
Dec.		
4,	David Emmet Deely,	James S. and Rosetta (Lyons).
21,	Merrill Jason Barber,	Merrill J. and Mary (Benway).
22,	Charles Albert Trumball,	James and Bridget (Hyland).
23,	Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora (Warfield).
24,	Stephen Ambrose McMahan,	Kennedy and Mary (Pender).
29,	Mignault,	Edwin F. and Geneva M. (Gaudette).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1900.

	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.					
18,	Albert W. Potter,	32	2	1	Consumption.
Feb.					
7,	Jane Ann Arnold,	83	7	28	Pneumonia.
8,	Albert G. Burr,	76	0	24	Senile asthenia.
13,	Charlotte S. Sears,	67	5	7	Cancer.
22,	Mary McMahon,	6	7		Valvular disease of heart.
26,	Etienne Brodeur,	63			Diabetes Mellitus.
28,	Paul Davis Chilson,	66	9	3	Pulmonary Phthisis.
March					
15,	Aimee Julie Fredey,	3	7	10	Pneumonia.
18,	George A. Hixon,	69	0	13	Embolism.
19,	Charles H. Whipple,	54			Chronic gastritis.
30,	John Sullivan,	34			Consumption.
April					
7,	Johannah Cavanaugh,	38			Consumption.
11,	Patrick Cavanaugh,	28			Consumption.
May					
19,	Joseph C. Dee,	1	5	0	Meningitis.
27,	Hannah M. St. George,	62	9	15	Accident.
June					
10,	Charles W. Thayer,	75	7	19	Valvular disease of heart.
July					
25,	Patience A. Colburn,	70	10	5	Heart disease.
27,	Helen Blanche Munyon,	0	4	3	Pneumonia.
Aug.					
14,	Clarinda N. Dawley,	65	8	18	Endocarditis.
19,	Hazeltine E. Davison,	55	8	13	Progressive paralysis.
20,	Simeon A. Pickering,	74			Bright's disease.
28,	Joseph Connolly,	0	10	11	
30,	Edward Rouse,	0	3	0	Cholera Infantum.
Sept.					
16,	Leo Smith,	1	1	10	Cholera Infantum.
21,	Susan Pickering,	89	0	1	Heart disease.
23,	Margaret Dwyer,	35			Peritonitis.
Oct.					
6,	Myra Sibley,	3	1	17	Croup.
8,	Philomene Richard,	59			Heart disease.
11,	John Phillips,	87	6	9	Senility.
18,	Cornelius Sullivan,	80	1	6	Carcinoma.
24,	Charles Linwood Wilson,	0	0	28	Pneumonia.
Dec.					
15,	Elizabeth Casey,	26	11	24	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
22,	Warren Foster Howard,	28	10	3	Pneumonia.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM, TO BE ACTED
UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 4, 1901.

J. SANFORD THOMPSON,
GEORGE E. ALDRICH,
CHARLES J. NUGENT,
EDWARD B. METCALF,
MICHAEL F. RYAN,
GILBERT H. DRAKE,
ALONZO N. WHITNEY,
WILLIAM F. WALES,
HARRY D. NICKERSON,

DAVID BIGWOOD,
L. FRANCIS THAYER,
ALBERT A. HANCOCK,
GEORGE C. McMASTER,
JOSEPH M. WENTWORTH,
PROCTOR P. COOK,
FRANCIS E. ARNOLD,
S. FRED METCALF,
FREDERICK A. SHERBORNE.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial exercises were held at Bellingham Centre Sunday, May 27, 1900, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps.

The exercises were as follows:—

Prayer by the post chaplain; singing by the choir; reading by Miss Helen Thompson; and an address by Stephen S. Huse of Newton Theological seminary, which was very much appreciated by the Post and citizens; followed by the decoration of the soldiers' graves, closing the exercises by singing "America."

The exercises at North Bellingham were held Sunday, May 27, 1900, by the West Medway Post, Sons of Veterans and Relief Corps.

Exercises were opened by prayer by post chaplain; an address by Judge Grover of Canton, which was very highly pleasing; decoration of the soldiers' graves by the Post; closing by singing.

The services at Rakeville cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering, a member of the Woonsocket Post, and appropriate exercises were rendered by comrades of the Post.

We now think it appropriate here to announce the deaths of

DANIEL E. WILCOX,

Who died in Woonsocket, R. I., March 12, 1900, of Co. —, 9th Rhode Island Infantry, and buried in Rakeville cemetery. Mr. Wilcox was born in the town of Cumberland, just over the line from Bellingham. He came with his parents to the village of Rakeville when quite young and lived there and in the vicinity most of his life. While here he took part in our town affairs, holding the office of assessor for several years.

DR. ROLAND HAMMOND,

Who died in Brockton, July 8, 1900, of Co. I, 3d Massachusetts Infantry, and buried in the Centre cemetery. Dr. Hammond came to this town in 1871, and lived here until 1882. While here he took a very great interest in all town matters, was Superintendent of Schools several years, and was Town Clerk when he moved to Brockton.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES,

BELLINGHAM, MAY 29, 1900.

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| 1. | Decoration of the Soldiers' Monument. | |
| 2. | Invocation. | |
| 3. | Song—"The Flowers," | Effie Webber and Grace White |
| 4. | "Memorial Roll Call," | Chilson School |
| 5. | "Our Flag," | South Primary |
| 6. | "Gettysburg," | Elijah B. Staples |
| 7. | "Our Country," | North Primaries |
| 8. | "New England, New England," | North Schools |
| 9. | "The Old Blue Army Coat," | Charles Migneault |
| 10. | Song—"America for Freedom," | South Schools |
| 11. | Address to the children, | Rev. L. G. Wilson |
| 12. | Violin Solo, | Grace M. Wales |
| 13. | "Memorial Day," | 18 Pupils North Grammar |
| 14. | "A Child's Offering," | Edith Rockwood |
| 15. | Song, | Massey Grammar |
| 16. | "Emblems of Memorial Day," | 7 Pupils North Grammar |
| 17. | "The Two Graves," | Vera Thayer |
| 18. | Song, | Massey and South Schools |
| 19. | "America," first and last stanzas, | Audience |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the town	.	.	.	\$50 00	
Balance from last year	.	.	.	4 34	
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					\$54 34

EXPENSES.

Paid Franklin Post.	.	.	.	\$10 00	
West Medway Post	.	.	.	10 00	
Woonsocket Post	.	.	.	5 00	
Transportation for schools, O. L. Bullard					
and Judson Camp	.	.	.	10 00	
L. F. Thayer	.	.	.	7 00	
Music for schools	.	.	.	2 75	
Flags for schools and monument	.	.	.	1 25	
Flowers for urns at monument and care of					
same	.	.	.	4 50	
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					50 50
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Balance in Committee's hands	.	.	.		\$3 84

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
For the Committee.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen have had an unusual number of matters brought to their attention the past year, requiring a great many extra meetings for consultation and action.

The Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Co. has extended its tracks from the Four Corners through the Center to Milford, making nearly five miles of railway constructed and in operation since last year. The company has not shown at all times that willingness to conform to the conditions of the franchise which the Selectmen had reason to expect, and in order to protect the best interests of the town in this respect we were compelled to bring a petition in the superior court to force the company to comply with the conditions contained in its location; since which time the company has complied with several of the conditions. But there are other things to be done in the spring before the case will be discontinued and the bill dismissed.

The Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Co. has released to the town the right of way across the corner near David F. Adams' house on Maple street, and signed a contract, by its president, to pay the town one hundred and fifty dollars when the street is constructed in accordance with a plan filed with the Town Clerk. This is the section of street laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town. The Selectmen advertised for bids, and let the contract to construct the street and erect the fences, to Mr. Maurice J. Connolly; the same to be completed by April 1, 1901.

Last July the Legislature passed an act by which certain towns might receive a sum of money for road construction from the state highway appropriation. We immediately made application therefor. We were required to select the location, and decided to commence at Crooks' Corner and work towards Scott Hill, with the ultimate hope of having the same constructed through the Center to the north end of the town. The Highway Commission examined the premises and looked over the roadway selected by the Selectmen. The engineer made the necessary surveys. After several visits to the Commission at their office in Boston, we signed a contract to construct two thousand feet of roadway according to their specifications, the Commission agreeing to pay the town seven hundred dollars, and the town to pay the balance, estimated from

one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars, the Commission asking towns receiving this aid, to contribute something towards the same. As it was so late in the fall it was mutually agreed to construct the same this coming spring. If the Legislature continues the state appropriation in the same manner, it is suggested that the next Board of Selectmen make application for another sum to extend the section already agreed upon

We have perambulated the town lines between Bellingham and Mendon, Bellingham and Blackstone, and Bellingham and Franklin; the monuments were found in good condition excepting one near the Hubbard farm, which had fallen upon the street railway company's track. By agreement with the street railway company a new one is to be located and placed in position at their expense. In conjunction with the selectmen of Franklin, we have set a new bound between the towns on the street from North Bellingham to Franklin.

The Selectmen as a committee of the town have procured a town seal.

There has been one small damage case to a carriage on the highway, which we have settled satisfactorily to all parties.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation		\$400 00
T. W. Baker, almshouse	\$10 00	
Z. C. Field, lumber	13 74	
H. W. Pickering, labor	1 50	
A. C. Black, painting North Bellingham schoolhouse	75 50	
C. Fitzpatrick, labor on schoolhouse	4 50	
J. J. Clark, labor on schoolhouse	10 00	
G. W. Green, labor on schoolhouse	4 65	
Z. C. Field, town farm, old bill	5 36	
S. J. Lawrence, labor and material, Town House	50	
L. F. Thayer, lumber, schoolhouse	2 00	
E. E. Sherman, school furniture	36 15	
Clark Ellis & Sons, school furniture	78 73	
Edgar Slocomb, material for schoolhouse	3 50	
Mr. Gallagher, painting Town House	87 12	
Edgar Slocomb, material for Town House	50 62	
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		383 87
Unexpended balance		<hr/>
		\$16 13

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Charles W. Paul, snow, Feb., 1900 . . .	\$28 95	
P. P. Cook, snow, Feb., 1900 . . .	24 40	
M. J. Connolly, snow, Feb., 1900 . . .	24 60	
	<hr/>	\$ 77 95

Highways and Bridges :—

C. W. Paul	\$640 37	
Proctor P. Cook	591 66	
J. E. Camp	599 50	
M. J. Connolly	24 46	
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Total	\$1,933 94	
Appropriation	1,800 00	
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Exceeded appropriation		

TOWN OFFICERS.

Warren E. Fairbanks, moderator . . .	\$ 5 00	
Ruel F. Thayer, Treasurer \$50, and ex- penses (\$10 to March 1900) . . .	60 00	
John J. Gerstle, et al., ballot clerks . .	26 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, Assessor to March, 1901	40 90	
Varnum B. Rockwood, Assessor to March, 1901	36 25	
Judson E. Camp, Assessor to March, 1901	32 50	
Carroll E. White, cattle inspector to March, 1901	68 00	
Otto L. Bullard, Overseer to March, 1900	50 00	
Henry W. Pickering, Overseer to March, 1900	15 00	
George Nelson, Overseer to March, 1900	15 00	
Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk (\$25) and expenses to March 1, 1900 . . .	69 33	
Henry A. Whitney, Board of Health to March 1, 1901	7 50	
Luman R. Camp, Constable to March 1, 1900, and Police	7 00	
Elwin M. Taft, Constable to March 1, 1900	5 00	
Henry W. Pickering, School Committee to March 1, 1901	7 00	
Harry D. Nickerson, School Committee to March 1, 1901	5 00	
Henry A. Whitney, Selectman to March 1, 1901	25 00	

Henry A. Whitney, extra service on electric railroad	\$30 00	
Henry A. Whitney, expenses on account of electric railroad	11 50	
Warren E. Fairbanks, Selectman and extras	40 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, Selectman and extras	40 00	
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		\$595 98
Appropriation		500 00
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Exceeded appropriation		\$95 98
INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.		
Appropriation		\$100 00
James W. Wilkinson	\$23 00	
Dr. Randall	23 75	
Eva J. Stoker	31 00	
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		77 75
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Unexpended balance		\$22 25

STATE AID.		
February	\$31 00	
March	31 00	
April	27 00	
May	27 00	
June	23 00	
July	23 00	
August	23 00	
September	23 00	
October	27 00	
November	27 00	
December	27 00	
January	27 00	
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		\$316 00

EXPENSE OF TOWN HALL FLOOR.		
Appropriation		\$200 00
O. F. Mason, lumber	\$113 61	
Otis Whitney & Son, laying floor and material	64 81	
O. C. Rhodes, labor and material	6 09	
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		\$184 51
The Grange agreed to pay rent of \$10 a night for 10 nights, and they have paid the whole amount, and used the hall twice		100 00
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		\$84 51

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Sara T. Rockwood	\$100 00

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation	\$50 00
James O. Richardson	\$50 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation	\$90 00
Orrin Chilson, South Bellingham	\$10 05
V. B. Rockwood, Centre	6 15
V. B. Rockwood, North Bellingham	6 00
V. B. Rockwood, Scammell lot	2 40

 \$24 60

O. C. Rhodes, labor and material for fence in South Bellingham cemetery	38 62
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 63 22

Unexpended	\$26 78
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PRINTING.

Appropriation	\$120 00
G. M. Billings	107 75

Unexpended balance	\$12 25
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MISCELLANEOUS.

E. D. Wilcox, watering tub	\$ 5 00
E. L. Burdakin, examining deeds	10 00
H. S. Partridge, surveying	5 00
Dr. C. A. Bemis, disinfecting two houses	12 00
Dr. N. P. Quint, disinfecting one house	2 00
P. M. Hunt, disinfecting two houses	6 00
L. R. Camp, court expenses, (electric railroad	43 10
Robert Tate, damage to carriage	18 50
H. A. Whitney, setting town bound	1 25
C. F. Butterworth, examining Treasurer's books	15 00
L. F. Thayer et al., fighting fires	91 40

 \$209 25

Appropriation	200 00
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Exceeded appropriation	\$9 25
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CARE OF TRAMPS.

Appropriation	\$65 00
S. H. Williams, care of 275 tramps, at \$1 per week	\$52 00
Crackers	3 25
Oil	50
Wood	6 75
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	62 50

Unexpended balance	\$2 50
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TOWN HALL.

S. H. Williams, janitor	\$5 40
L. F. Thayer, wood for Town House	7 63
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Received for rent	1 75
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Balance	\$11 28

TOTALS.

Repair of town buildings	\$ 383 87
Repair of highways, bridges and railings	1855 99
Removing snow	77 95
Town officers	595 98
State aid	316 00
Town Hall floor	184 51
Library	100 00
Decoration Day	50 00
Cemeteries	63 22
Printing	107 75
Care of tramps	62 50
Indigent soldiers' aid	77 75
Miscellaneous	209 25
Care of Town Hall	11 28
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	\$4,096 09

ESTIMATES OF THE SELECTMEN.

Support of schools	\$3,800 00
Highways	1,500 00
Support of poor	1,000 00
Repair of Town buildings	300 00
Town incidentals	300 00
Printing	160 00
Interest	300 00
Town officers	550 00

Cemeteries	\$ 40 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Library	100 00
Indigent soldiers' aid	50 00
Tramps	65 00

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The roads throughout the town are in fair condition. Bridges will need but slight repairs this year. New railings will have to be erected in several places. The guide-boards are in good shape, except a few posts that need replacing.

Some of the bushes have been cut at the south end of the town, and it would improve the roads very much to have more trimming done.

We think \$1500 ought to be appropriated for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

J. E. CAMP, COMMISSIONER.

Paid J. E. Camp, 70 hours' labor at 17½c		\$ 12 25
J. E. Camp, 2-horse team, 698 hours		
at 25c		174 50
Henry Sanborn,	108 hours at 15c	16 20
Gilbert Drake,	240 " "	36 00
Harry Camp,	50 " "	7 50
Maurice Fitzpatrick,	340 " "	51 00
John Dolan,	140 " "	21 00
Leroy Warfield,	50 " "	7 50
Eben Harris,	30 " "	4 50
Edward Bennett,	90 " "	13 50
John Callahan,	200 " "	30 00
James Kelley,	90 " "	13 50
James Callahan,	90 " "	13 50
Ingram Lewis,	70 " "	10 50
Simon Cormier,	110 " "	16 50
Charles Parker,	130 " "	19 50
James Lee,	10 " "	1 50
Timothy Foley,	90 " "	13 50
Hiram Ames,	70 " "	10 50
Arthur Force,	30 " "	4 50
William Creighton,	40 " "	6 00
John Lake,	110 " "	16 50
J. E. Harris,	40 " "	6 00
Thomas Burns,	40 " "	6 00
Fred D. Presho,	12 " "	1 80

A. Munroe Smith for trimming trees	\$ 1 40
George Jennison, 123 loads gravel at 4c,	4 92
George Melrose, 45 " "	1 80
Town Farm, 32 " "	1 28
Vertie Demicolian, 85 " "	3 40
J. E. Camp, 204 " "	8 16
Frank Dawley, 74½ " "	2 90

Caryville bridges:—

1019 ft. 3-in chestnut plank . .	\$25 47
946 ft. 2-in chestnut plank . .	18 92
5 bridge stringers . . .	10 00
50 lbs. spikes . . .	1 50
William Creighton, 20 hours at 15c .	3 00
Joseph Harris, 20 " "	3 00

 \$599 50

PROCTOR P. COOK, COMMISSIONER.

Paid Proctor P. Cook, 319½ hours at 17½c	\$55 85
Walter Cook, 278 " 15c	41 70
John Gerstle, 232½ " "	34 88
Hiram A. Cook, 205½ " "	30 83
Michael McCarty, 214½ " "	32 18
Olney Cook, 212 " "	31 80
C. E. Marble, 132½ " "	19 88
Owen Taylor, 107 " "	16 05
Chas. O'Connor, 97 " "	14 55
Roland Bates, 81½ " "	12 23
George Nourse, 83 " "	12 45
E. F. Gay, 74 " "	11 10
Charles Cross, 63 " "	9 45
A. A. Hancock, 40 " "	6 00
George Gay, 29 " "	4 35
Daniel Dewire, 29 " "	4 35
Con. Allen, 29 " "	4 35
Patrick Dewire, 29 " "	4 35
Mr. Hill, 24 " "	3 60
Manuel Barbara, 24 " "	3 60
James Munroe, 43 " "	6 00
Ed. Labadie, 10 " "	5 25
B. E. Marble, 10 " "	1 50
Calvin Grant, 9 " "	1 35
H. D. Nickerson, 8 " "	1 20
Mr. Sally, 6 " "	90
Willis White, 4 " "	60
M. B. Taylor, 3 " "	45

Arthur Shannon,	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15c,	\$ 38
P. P. Cook, team,	618 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 25c,	153 13
L. F. Thayer, team,	40 " "	10 00
Charles Lowell,	198 loads gravel at 4c.	7 92
Karl N. Smith,	101 " "	4 04
M. B. Taylor,	168 " "	7 52
G. Jennison,	133 " "	5 32
M. Mignault,	62 " "	2 48
Alba Trask,	26 " "	1 04
R. F. Thayer,	26 " "	1 04
Bridges and railings:—		
358 ft. railing.	.	4 00
4 spruce sticks	.	87
2 stringers	.	6 00
21 posts	.	2 10
527 ft. plank at 2c ft.	.	10 54
112 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. spikes	.	3 23
4 bolts.	.	1 25

 \$591 66

C. W. PAUL, COMMISSIONER.

Paid C. W. Paul,	422 hours at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	\$ 73 86
C. W. Paul, team,	556 " 25c	139 00
C. W. Paul, 1 horse	94 " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	11 75
Felix Ladue,	123 " 15c	18 45
A. Garneaux,	367 " "	55 05
L. Garneaux,	347 " "	52 05
J. Garneaux,	344 " "	51 60
Mr. Garneaux,	406 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	60 98
Wm. Wales,	364 " "	54 60
H. Ladue,	239 " "	35 85
J. Crowninshield,	190 " "	28 50
Rupert Whipple,	122 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	18 38
Frenchman,	40 " "	6 00
Wm. Scott,	20 " "	3 00
Ed. Cundy,	5 " "	75
W. E. Carter,	5 " "	75
Charles Light,	8 " "	1 20
C. W. Whipple, team,	5 " at 25c	1 25
S. E. Scott, team,	20 " "	5 00
Mrs. Jillson,	199 loads gravel at 4c	7 96
Mrs. Brothers,	20 " "	80
E. A. Taft,	27 " "	1 08

 \$627 86

Bridges and railings:—

C. W. Paul,	7 hours at	17½c	\$1 23
F. Ladue,	7	“ 15c	1 05
C. W. Paul, team,	7	“ 25c	1 75
424 ft. chestnut plank at 2c			8 48
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			\$ 12 51
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			\$640 37

M. J. CONNOLLY, COMMISSIONER. 1899.

Paid M. J. Connolly,	22½ hours at	17½c	\$3 94
Maurice Fitzpatrick,	17½	“ 15c	2 63
John Fitzpatrick,	17½	“	2 63
Joe Harris,	17½	“	2 63
Eben Harris,	17½	“	2 63
Four horses,	17	“ 50c	8 75
Two horses,	5	“ 25c	1 25
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			\$24 46

SNOW BILLS.

PROCTOR P. COOK.

Paid Proctor P. Cook,	10½ hours at	20c,	\$2 00
Walter Cook,	10	“	2 00
Owen Taylor,	10½	“	2 10
Charles Marble,	7½	“	1 50
Roland Bates,	4	“	80
Charles Brown,	10	“	2 00
A. N. Whitney,	7½	“	1 50
James Munroe,	10	“	2 00
John Gerstle,	3½	“	70
Colin Grant,	3½	“	70
Two horses,	36	“ 25c,	9 00
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			\$24 40

C. W. PAUL.

Paid Ed. Rouse,	7 hours at	20c,	\$1 40
Moses Rouse,	7	“	1 40
C. H. Whipple, team	18 hours at	25c,	4 50
Ed. Condry,	18 hours at	20c,	3 60
C. W. Paul,	24	“ 20c,	4 80
C. W. Paul, team	9 hours at	25c,	2 25
F. Ladue,	9	“ 20c,	1 80
Anson Cass,	8	“	1 60
Albert Garneaux,	8	“	1 60

Louis Garneaux,	8 hours at 20c,	\$1 60
Edward Garneaux,	8 " "	1 60
Harold Speakman,	6 " "	1 20
Felix Brodeur,	6 " "	1 20
Joe Guire,	2 " "	40
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		\$28 95

M. J. CONNOLLY, 1899.

Paid M. J. Connolly,	17 hours at 20c,	\$3 40
M. Fitzpatrick,	15 " "	3 00
John Fitzpatrick,	10 " "	2 00
Gilbert Drake,	10 " "	2 00
Eugene Reardon,	5 " "	1 00
Pat. Allen,	5 " "	1 00
Con. Allen,	5 " "	1 00
M. Naughtin,	5 " "	1 00
Edward Lipsett,	5 " "	1 00
D. F. Adams,	3½ " "	70
Four horses	17 hours at 50c,	8 50
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		\$24 60

JUDSON E. CAMP,
PROCTOR P. COOK,
CHARLES W. PAUL,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS.

Support of schools	\$3,500 00
Support of poor	1,500 00
Highways	1,800 00
Repairs of town buildings	400 00
New floor in Town hall	200 00
Incidentals	200 00
Printing	120 00
Interest	200 00
Town officers	500 00
Cemeteries	90 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Library	100 00
Indigent soldiers' aid	100 00
Tramps	65 00
Schoolhouse	500 00
Bank tax and surplus revenue	165 00
Superintendent of schools	300 00
Overlayings	201 83
State tax	420 00
County tax	687 50
	<hr/> \$11,099 33

RECEIPTS.

Massachusetts school fund, on account of district	\$416 67
Massachusetts school fund	504 79
National bank tax	80 91
Corporation tax	2 53
State aid, Chap. 374, Acts of 1899	452 00
Dog tax	254 50
Income from town farm	2,388 88
J. E. Camp, collector 1898, in full	1,687 42
“ “ 1898, interest	123 98
“ “ 1899	3,550 54
“ “ 1899, interest	218 95
Gilbert H. Drake, collector 1900	8,340 52
“ “ 1900, interest	19 00
“ M. A. & W. Street	
Railway Co.	141 13

Gilbert H. Drake, M. H. & F. Street	
Railway Co.	\$ 21 30
District court, criminal cases	95 00
A. M. Clark, care of cemetery lot	30 00
State for inspecting cattle	23 25
Bellingham Grange, Town Hall floor	100 00
School committee	5 00
	<hr/> \$18,456 37

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	\$ 420 00
County tax	687 50
Selectmen's orders	4,096 09
School committee's orders	5,402 82
Overseers of poor	3,913 07
Insurance on town buildings	120 65
District court, criminal cases	122 80
J. E. Camp, Collector 1898 taxes	117 92
J. E. Camp, 1898 taxes abated	40 13
Stationery and stamps	3 25
Expended on cemetery lots	9 35
Milford Savings Bank, note and interest	510 00
Interest on town notes	183 91
R. F. Thayer, corrected balance due from last year	2,472 00
R. F. Thayer, interest on balance due	98 88
Abby Pickering, note	4 00
	<hr/> \$18,202 37

DETAIL OF CRIMINAL CASES.

Paid District Court, Western Norfolk:—

No. 447	\$5 09
" 477	5 20
" 110	15 92
" 506	3 70
" 483	5 47
" 46	7 45
" 47	9 50
" 526	9 24
" 530	3 19
" 536	4 80
" 537	4 05
" 531	5 30
" 592	5 93
" 612	4 49

No. 127	\$11 90	
" 631	5 42	
" 641	5 45	
" 127	91	
" 631	4 27	
" 691	5 52	
					<hr/>	\$122 80
Received fees 95 00
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Balance	\$27 80

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Baptist Society note	\$ 632 00	
Heirs of Luther Thayer note	1,000 00	
L. F. Thayer note	.	.	.	.	2,000 00	
Due town officers	.	.	.	.	500 00	
					<hr/>	\$4,132 00

ASSETS.

Due from J. E. Camp, collector, 1899 tax	\$1,808 11	
Due from Gilbert H. Drake, collector,		
1900 tax	2,758 81	
Cash on hand	254 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,820 92
Assets in excess of liabilities	.	\$688 92

L. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS, AND
WHICH THE TOWN HOLDS IN TRUST.

Name and Amount Left.	One year's interest on the several burial lots.		Amount expended on each lot during the year, as follows:—		Balance due on each lot for the year ending 1901.
Zebina Bullard,	\$100 00	\$4 00	Paid Trustees of Cemeteries,	\$0 00	Bullard, \$18 08
B. Benedict,	40 00	1 60	"	"	Benedict, 5 13
A. P. Eaton,	50 00	2 00	"	"	Eaton, 6 18
Sarah Holbrook,	100 00	4 00	"	"	Holbrook, 18 64
E. Barber,	30 00	1 20	"	"	Barber, 3 39
Jervis Cook,	50 00	2 00	"	"	Cook, 6 27
Lavina Taft,	50 00	2 00	"	"	Taft, 4 41
P. Bryant,	100 00	4 00	"	"	Bryant, 11 24
A. M. Clark,	30 00	1 20	"	"	Clark, 1 20
Totals,	\$550 00	\$22 00		\$9 35	\$74 54

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present the following report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1901. The Overseers met at the almshouse March 10 at 2 o'clock P. M. and chose O. L. Bullard chairman and secretary for the following year.

It was voted that the Board meet at the town office on the second Saturday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered, at which time they have endeavored to transact all business as far as possible.

The stairs at back of house have been rebuilt at an expense of \$23.74, and charged to repair of town buildings. Some minor repairs have been made by the Superintendent at the expense of this department. The present number of inmates is five.

The farm crops were good, considering the dry season.

Tramps have been cared for and fed at the police station by S. H. Williams, at one dollar per week and cost of food. Approved bills for care of tramps: Care, \$52; crackers \$3.25; oil, 50 cents; wood, \$6.75; total cost for the year, \$62.50.

The number of tramps in February, 1900			7
"	"	" March	43
"	"	" April	21
"	"	" May	10
"	"	" June	2
"	"	" July	4
"	"	" August	2
"	"	" September	1
"	"	" October	22
"	"	" November	38
"	"	" December	54
"	"	" January, 1901	71
Total			275

INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE FROM FEB. 1, 1900
TO FEB. 1, 1901.

NAME.	AGE.	WEEKS.	DAYS.
George A. Hixon	68	6	3
John Phillips	88	37	
Abigail Hayford	79	52	
Sarah Cross	44	52	
Bridget Burke	56	52	
Clarissa P. Adams	49	52	
Mary Watt	55	52	
Robert A. Daniels	71	21	4
Paul D. Chilson	67		4
Warren E. Howard	29		3

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PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE AS
APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, JAN. 31, 1901.

Land and buildings	\$4,100 00
Live stock: 17 cows, 1 bull, 4 horses, 1 hog, 85 fowls	1,122 75
9 wagons and sleds	440 00
Farm machinery	197 50
Harnesses, blankets, etc. . . .	79 00
Small tools of all kinds	154 00
Hay, ensilage and feed	305 50
Wood, lumber, brick and lime	76 15
Household goods	375 00
Groceries and provisions	32 00
Vinegar and barrels	15 00
Potatoes and vegetables	51 00
Coal and oil	8 00
Ashes	10 00
Sauer kraut	2 00
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RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Transporting scholars	\$340 00
Calves	25 00
Eggs	86 97
Board	4 00
Pasture	4 00
Use of horse	3 80
Gravel	1 28
Pigs and pork	101 14

Vegetables	\$ 59 34	
Fowls	24 50	
Wood	38 50	
Cows	125 00	
Butter	1 90	
Milk at retail	46 23	
11 months' milk, 4890 cans	1,252 50	
Lumber, posts and brick	16 85	
Carting milk	23 41	
	<hr/>	\$2,154 42
Received from other sources:—		
From City of Fall River, last year's account	\$ 62 00	
From John J. Gerstle, guardian	169 46	
	<hr/>	\$231 46

BILLS DUE TOWN FARM.

Elm Farm Milk Co., 468 cans milk	\$131 04	
John Richards for milk	21 60	
Estate of Paul D. Chilson	32 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 185 04

OUTSIDE AID.

Mrs. Amanda Frazier and two children	\$104 00	
City of Cambridge, aid to family of Richard Dewey	8 15	
Town of Watertown, aid to family of Teresa Burns	57 84	
Mary B. Barber	24 09	
Town of Milford, Paul D. Chilson case	1 00	
Peter Bushee	4 00	
Hattie J. Boone, at Worcester Insane hospital	12 53	
Town of Hopedale, aid to W. O. Gardiner in 1897	8 00	
Family of Clifford Burns	6 00	
Joseph Gerstle, at W. I. hospital	169 46	
Etta M. Bates, " "	159 71	
Etta M. Bates, at Medfield Insane Asylum	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$562 78

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE.

Hardware, seeds, and pump repairs	\$111 05
Labor	328 59
Stock	450 20
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs	138 05

Grain	\$964 48	
Sundries for farm use	258 55	
Groceries and provisions	390 88	
Dry goods and clothing	48 64	
Medical aid	48 58	
Sundries for house and burial expenses	91 78	
Salary	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,330 80

INCIDENTALS.

Books, stationery, postage and traveling expenses	\$19 49
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RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From farm	\$2,154 42	
From other sources	231 46	
Bills due town farm	185 04	
Due from Fall River	104 00	
Due from state	28 09	
Gain in appraisal	319 15	
Appropriation	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,522 16

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses at town farm	\$3,330 80	
Outside aid	562 78	
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Unexpended		\$628 58

COST OF KEEPING INMATES AT TOWN FARM, EXCLUDING INTEREST AND REPAIRS.

Appraisal of personal property at almshouse January 31, 1901	\$2,867 90	
Appraisal of personal property at almshouse February 3, 1900	2,548 75	
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Gain		\$ 319 15
Income at town farm	\$2,154 42	
Bills receivable	185 04	
	<hr/>	2,339 46
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		\$2,658 61

Expenses at town farm	\$3,330 80
Net expense at town farm	\$672 19

326 weeks board at \$2.06+ per week.

O. L. BULLARD,
H. W. PICKERING,
GEORGE NELSON,
Overseers.

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

J. E. CAMP, COLLECTOR.

Amount to be collected Feb. 1, 1900, on		
1898 tax	\$1,687	42
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,647	29
Taxes abated	40	13
	\$1,687	42
Interest collected and paid to Treasurer	\$164	11
Amount to be collected on 1899 tax, Feb.		
1, 1900	\$5,358	65
Amount collected and paid to Treasurer		
Feb. 1, 1901	\$3,550	54
Amount uncollected	1,808	11
	\$5,358	65
Interest paid to Treasurer on 1899 tax .	\$218	95

J. E. CAMP, Collector.

GILBERT H. DRAKE, COLLECTOR.

FEBRUARY 1, 1901.

1900 tax:—

Amount to be collected	\$11,099	33
Amount collected Feb. 1, 1901	\$8,340	52
Amount to be collected Feb. 1, 1901	2,758	81
	\$11,099	33
Interest collected Feb. 1, 1901	\$19	00
Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street		
Railway tax	\$141	13
Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street		
Railway tax	21	30
	\$162	43
Collected and paid to Treasurer	\$162	43

G. H. DRAKE,
Collector.

Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library.

The board organized with the following officers: Mr. Wesley E. Howes, chairman, Mrs. Alice A. Burr secretary, Miss S. T. Rockwood, treasurer and librarian. Mrs. Mary Metcalf and Mrs. Olive Cook were chosen purchasing agents. There have been added 145 volumes during the past year, with many donations of the better-class magazines.

We think it advisable to have printed a revised edition of our catalogue, which will be an extra expense. We would therefore ask for an appropriation of at least \$100 for the coming year.

We respectfully submit this report to the voters of Bellingham.

W. E. HOWES,
MISS S. T. ROCKWOOD,
MRS. W. A. BURR,
MRS. MARY W. METCALF,
MRS. OLIVE COOK,
H. A. WHITNEY,

Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees held in April, I was asked again to fill the position of librarian during the year; Miss Bertha Franklin has been my assistant.

The library has been well patronized during the year, and is becoming each year more helpful to the schools, and we believe more fully appreciated in the homes, and the result of its influence cannot fail to broaden and deepen the intelligence of the entire community.

In June the Woman's Education Association of Boston loaned for two weeks, a traveling library of pictures of many of our famous authors for exhibition in our library, by paying the express from the town that sent them to us, which was Hopkinton. Owing to the library being small, it was thought wise to ask permission to use the Christian Endeavor room for the purpose, and to extend a

general invitation to our patrons and friends throughout all parts of the town to be present; and we decided on June 29, both afternoon and evening, as the date of our exhibition. There were about forty that availed themselves of the opportunity, which proved a very social as well as interesting and we trust helpful occasion.

The library has been presented with the entire edition of Appleton's Journals nicely bound, together with several books from the state, also "A Legislative Souvenir" from our representative.

The library, which contains now 1150 volumes, has been open for distribution of books as usual every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5.30, and from 7 to 8, also Tuesday evening from 7 to 8; except the two weeks in January when the library was closed for the inspection and repairing of books.

The circulation has been 2149 volumes. There have been 150 patrons during the year. The delivery by division has been as follows: Biography 16; Fiction 1923; Miscellaneous 64; History 75; Poetry 15; Science 22; Travels 34.

SARA T. ROCKWOOD,

Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1900	.	.	\$ 13 76	
Received from town	.	.	100 00	
Received from fines	.	.	3 46	
Received from sale of catalogues	.	.	1 17	
			<hr/>	\$118 39

EXPENDITURES.

New books	.	.	.	\$79 96	
Librarian	.	.	.	20 00	
Insurance on books	.	.	.	3 75	
Printing supplementary catalogues	.	.	.	3 50	
Supplies and expenses	.	.	.	5 43	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1901	.	.	.	5 75	
				<hr/>	\$118 39

Respectfully submitted,

SARA T. ROCKWOOD,

Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1900.

Total valuation	.	.	.	.	.	\$752,600 00
Personal	.	.	.	.	\$130,255 00	
Real	.	.	.	.	622,345 00	
					622,345 00	\$752,600 00
Number of polls	.	.	.	.	.	370
“ horses	.	.	.	.	.	299
“ cows	.	.	.	.	.	457
“ swine	.	.	.	.	.	37
“ fowls	.	.	.	.	.	5,120
“ dwelling houses	.	.	.	.	.	332
“ acres of land	.	.	.	.	.	11,037

Tax rate per \$1000, \$13.75.

ORVILLE C. RHODES,
 JUDSON E. CAMP,
 VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
 Assessors of Bellingham.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the reports of the Treasurer, Selectman, and School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, and Tax Collectors. I find them correct and properly vouched.

E. B. STOWE,

Auditor.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1900-'01.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1901.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1900-'01.

HENRY W. PICKERING, Chairman,	Term expires 1902
DAVID BIGWOOD, Secretary,	“ “ 1901
HARRY D. NICKERSON,	“ “ 1901

ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

HARRY D. NICKERSON,	HENRY W. PICKERING,
LUMAN R. CAMP,	GEORGE F. NUGENT.

REPORT.

The following report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted:—

The Committee organized with Henry W. Pickering Chairman, and David Bigwood Secretary.

In the month of April, as is customary, the joint committee of the three towns, Mendon, Hopedale and Bellingham, met at Hopedale and elected Mr. Elmer E. Sherman Superintendent for another year.

At the last annual town meeting the citizens voted to direct the Committee to send the conveyance that transports the scholars at the south end by the old route formerly traveled by the conveyance, the better to accommodate some children living on that route. While the Committee doubted the advisability of this and questioned the right of the citizens of the town to interfere in the matter, it was done until other and more convenient arrangements were made, whereby the scholars were transported more quickly and more comfortably by electric cars.

We would refer you to the report of the Superintendent for the condition and progress of the schools, which report we unanimously endorse.

You will observe that the cost of maintaining the schools for the year past has exceeded the income. The items that show the greater difference in this and other years in the past are fuel, transportation, and tuition. Concerning fuel, the beginning of the year found us with our coal bins practically empty, and then just before the close of the year we were obliged to have them filled again, thus being called upon to pay for more coal than we have actually burned during the year, as our present supply will probably prove sufficient to carry us through the winter. This, together with the fact that coal is higher than last year, accounts for the fuel bill.

Transportation: While we have exceeded the amount expended in years past, the Committee feel that it has "cut all corners" possible for the best interest of all concerned; and have no excuses to offer. Tuition: This item you will notice has nearly doubled in the past year, (and we cannot see why it will not keep on increasing for the next two years,) and this only represents amounts paid to Woonsocket and Franklin. We still have an account outstanding with the town of Medway, which bill we have been unable to obtain. This will have to be paid some time. This increasing tuition is caused by lack of room to give the children of our town the advantages that the law requires, and consequently we must send them out of town to secure what they have a right to expect would be furnished them at home.

As regards the condition of the school buildings: The Committee has had the building at North Bellingham painted one coat, and while it sadly needed another, the Committee decided to wait until another year before giving it the second. This ought to be done this year. The building at Caryville, while not in a deplorable condition as regards paint, the Committee think it would be money well expended to paint it the present year and not wait until it will take two or three coats to cover it. The school room at Caryville needs a new floor; the present floor being of pine has worn away in places, leaving the knots standing in bold relief, thus presenting a very uneven surface and a dilapidated appearance. The outside platform will have to be renewed, or new steps made. The building at North Bellingham will need to be shingled, and eaves troughs ought to be supplied and put on the building, as water falling from the eaves washes the foundation. The yard at this place needs attention; the highway has been raised while the school yard has been gradually worn away, so that now it is a great deal lower than the road, and in wet weather it is really more fit for a duck pond than a school yard. We recommend that this be graded, not with gravel, but with soil, that it may be seeded down so that it will be pleasant to the eye, convenient for the school, and an honor to the town.

The Committee feels that it would not be doing its duty to all did it not call attention again to the congested condition of the schools in town, especially at North Bellingham. During the year we have been obliged to send children from this school to the school at Caryville, and even now we are allowing the attendance of more pupils than is for the best interest of the school. We recommend that the town devise ways and means whereby we can have another room at the north end for school purposes.

The buildings located at Crimpville and South Milford (Beaver Pond) formerly used for school purposes, now seem to be of no practical benefit to the town. The Committee recommends that the same be disposed of by the town.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts:—

Appropriation	\$3,500 00	
Superintendent (from appropriation for town officers)	300 00	
Dog tax	254 50	
Income state bank and surplus revenue	165 00	
Income state school fund	504 79	
Articles sold	5 00	
Superintendent's account from state	416 67	
	<hr/>	\$5,145 96

Expenditures:—

Paid for teaching	\$2,818 00	
Superintendent	560 02	
Care of school buildings	221 21	
Fuel	299 77	
Text-books	101 47	
Incidentals	122 18	
Supplies	123 67	
Transportation	629 50	
Tuition	527 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,402 82
Exceeded income		\$256 86

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

Paid to K. L. Bragg	\$333 00
Emily F. Upton	351 00
Bessie Stuart	180 00
Lucia V. Nickerson	348 00
Sarah Whitlock	180 00
Elsie V. Trask	306 00
Mary A. Billings	396 00
Katherine F. Allen	378 00
Hannah G. Kennedy	182 00
Alice F. Burnham	90 00
Mrs. W. G. Ball	10 00
Mary Forbes	64 00
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	\$2,818 00

Superintendent.

Paid E. E. Sherman	\$560 02
[The state paid the town on account of Superintendent \$416.67; net expense of Superintendent, \$143.35.]	

Care of School Buildings.

Paid to Chester Richards, janitor . .	\$ 9 00
George Fitzpatrick, " . .	16 20
Silas H. Williams, " . .	70 00
Elsie V. Trask, " . .	12 30
Louis Jasmin " . .	52 00
John Kane, " . .	9 00
John Desmond, " . .	18 00
Martin Miller, " . .	20 00
Louis Jasmin, cleaning . .	6 30
Eugene Trask, fixing blind and stove . .	50
Mrs. Alba Trask, cleaning . .	1 50
Taft, Murdock & Co., labor and material	3 41
M. J. Connolly, labor	3 00
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	\$221 21

Fuel.

Paid to Treasurer Elliot estate, wood .	\$ 4 50	
J. E. Camp, wood ,	16 00	
Lewis F. Cooke, wood	1 75	
S. H. Williams, sawing wood	87	
Eugene Trask, cutting wood	1 00	
Martin Miller	1 50	
L. F. Thayer, coal, wood, lumber .	274 15	
	<hr/>	\$299 77

Supplies.

Paid to George S. Perry & Co.	\$122 73	
Suffolk Ink Co.	94	
	<hr/>	\$123 67

Text-Books.

Paid to D. C. Heath	\$ 1 16	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4 20	
Ginn & Co.	20 00	
American Book Co.	19 16	
Charles E. Lauriat & Co.	8 50	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.	46 20	
The Morse Co.	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 47

Incidentals.

Paid to E. E. Sherman, telegrams, printing, express and traveling expenses	\$15 01	
Henry W. Pickering	2 00	
Henry W. Pickering, clock	3 50	
Henry W. Pickering, freight and carting	1 95	
George S. Perry & Co.	27 50	
H. D. Nickerson, paint and labor	2 05	
Holden Patent Book Cover Co.	6 25	
Ella Spencer, cleaning	5 00	
Mrs. Crowley, cleaning	3 40	
Louis A. Bowcock, whitewashing	4 10	
Cornelius Crowley, labor on yard	1 50	

Bertha Franklin, school census .	\$14 26	
David Bigwood, stamps, lock, ex- press, etc.	2 82	
David Bigwood, bill of Dr. Quint	1 50	
R. C. Eldridge, clock	4 00	
Ginn & Co.	4 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons	11 94	
H. E. Barbour, labor	1 00	
Avery & Woodbury, dusters and brackets	3 20	
M. J. Connolly, carting gravel .	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$122 18

Transportation.

Paid to Henry W. Pickering, electrics	\$ 36 50	
Harry D. Nickerson, (E. Rockwood)	11 00	
C. B. Tupper	93 00	
C. B. Tupper	84 00	
C. B. Tupper	60 00	
Mrs. W. A. Burr	5 00	
Poor Department	340 00	
	<hr/>	\$629 50

Tuition.

Paid City of Woonsocket:—

Bertha Whipple	\$40 00	
Cynthia Pickering	40 00	
Caroline Freeman	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$120 00

Town of Franklin:—

Helen Thompson	\$30 00	
F. L. Sullivan	30 00	
Charles Sears	30 00	
J. A. Monroe	30 00	
Miss Fitzgerald	18 00	
Miss Thayer	18 00	
Vera L. Billings	30 00	
E. Chester Thayer	30 00	
Ernest Camp	21 00	
A. B. Corke	21 00	

Charles Foley . .	\$21 00	
E. A. Maxcy . .	21 00	
Chester Richards . .	21 00	
J. A. Beach . .	21 00	
E. O'Rourke . .	21 00	
N. Fitzgerald . .	7 00	
George Fitzpatrick . .	7 00	
Clarence Gay . .	4 00	
Ella Rockwood . .	4 00	
Agnes Sears . .	7 00	
Grace Spencer . .	4 00	
Ada Trask . .	7 00	
Ernest Webber . .	1 00	
Alida Spencer . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$407 00
		<hr/> \$527 00

Tuition bills from town of Medway still outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. PICKERING, Chairman,

HARRY D. NICKERSON,

DAVID BIGWOOD, Secretary,

School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF BELLINGHAM :—

Gentlemen: The seventh annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

The school registers from September 1899 to June 1900 record the following facts :—

Enrolment of all the schools	.	.	.	.	301
Bellingham pupils in outside schools	.	.	.	.	27
Total school enrolment	.	.	.	.	328
Average membership, in home schools	.	.	.	.	238
Average attendance	.	.	.	.	222
Per cent of attendance	.	.	.	.	93+
Number tardy	.	.	.	.	236
Number dismissed	.	.	.	.	186

Compared with last year :—

The per cent of attendance, increase	.	.	.	2%
Number tardy, increase	.	.	.	44
Number dismissed, increase	.	.	.	38

The North Grammar school has the highest per cent of attendance, followed by the South Grammar, South Primary, and the Massey Primary in the order named. The schools in the south building were the most punctual. For the exact figures in each school, I would refer you to the statistical table on page 16.

Changes in teachers have been few. Six of the eight teachers remain with us. Of these six, two are in their seventh and two in their third year of continuous service. The town is fortunate in retaining the services of such able teachers, women whose high ideals and devotion to their profession entitle them to the commendation of all. The work done in our schools during the past year has been good, the best in my experience. Teachers' meetings were held as usual, and the teachers also enjoyed and profited by lectures

from outside talent. A course of study in United States history has been prepared for the schools. The teachers claim that courses of study in the various subjects are of great assistance in guiding and stimulating the work.

Education means more than mere book learning. Its object is threefold:—

Health and the means of maintaining it.

Knowledge and thought power.

Right motives and will power.

Less than one fifth of a child's waking time is spent in the schoolroom. The home and the community, therefore, share in the education of the young. The best results in the school are seen when these educational forces work harmoniously for the highest good of the child. When parents and friends visit the school and invite the teacher to their homes the school and the home become better acquainted and so better able to work in common.

Health and the means of maintaining it are by no means the least important of educational ends. Let me emphasize the need of more healthful school accommodations. With the exception of the South building all the school buildings in town are far behind present-day knowledge of what is right in school architecture. Cross lights from opposite windows injure the eyesight, impure air undermines the constitution, drafts induce throat and lung troubles, and improperly constructed seats warp the growing bodies of our school children. It is my belief that the seeds of future physical misery are frequently sown under such conditions. Money put into schoolhouses may be saved in medicine. Other reasons for improved school accommodations are the necessity for better grading and the desirability of educating the ninth grade pupils in town. Some twenty students are now preparing for the ninth year, and we have nine ninth-year pupils in outside schools, for whose tuition the town is paying, and whose car-fare is paid by their parents. This number promises to be larger next year. It is better to keep the money and the children at home. This can be done by providing more room at the centre and North. The building at the centre should be

raised to allow a basement for the heating apparatus and enlarged by an addition about the size of the present building. At the North a new building is needed. One placed on vacant land not far from the Catholic church would accommodate both North Bellingham and Caryville. Few children would be obliged to walk over a mile, and it would be cheaper to transport an occasional child, if necessary, than to run two school buildings. The economical grading which this arrangement would permit would give the town more for its money in the way of teaching. It is possible that the town may think it unwise to undertake the execution of the whole, or even a part, of the above plan, but I would urge that a beginning be made at once. The most pressing need exists at the North on account of the crowded condition of those schools.

I would respectfully recommend that the town be asked to enlarge the centre school, and to erect a new building at North Bellingham. These improvements are needed to keep our ninth-grade pupils in town, and to provide better grading and more healthful conditions for all the schools.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness and uniform courtesy shown me by the committee, the teachers and the school children, and to thank all who by their sympathy and advice have encouraged the Superintendent in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. SHERMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DUTIES.

The State Board of Education has defined the work of a superintendent of schools as follows:—

DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The duties that usually fall to the superintendent are sufficiently indicated by the following heads:—

1. Planning courses of study.

2. Selecting and recommending text-books, apparatus, etc.
3. Examining and nominating teachers.
4. Inspecting the schools.
5. Guiding the teachers personally in their work and study.
6. Conducting teachers' meetings.
7. And, in general, serving as the professional representative of the interests of the schools and as the executive officer of the school committee.

BRIEF EXTRACTS FROM EDUCATIONAL LAWS.

1. All children between 7 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, to the satisfaction of the School Committee, must attend the public school during the entire time of each school year. Penalty to parent or guardian for failure in attendance for five days' sessions within any period of six months, \$20.

2. No child under 14 shall be employed "in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment." "No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation" during the hours when the public school is in session nor before six o'clock in the morning or after seven in the evening.

3. No child under 16 shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools. He must present an employment ticket from the person who wishes to employ him, on applying for a certificate. The father, if living and a resident, must sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither, the guardian.

4. Children between 14 and 16 must either attend school or be regularly employed.

5. Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles or from a household exposed to a contagion from a household as aforesaid. Two weeks after the death, removal or recovery of the patient in a case of the first three mentioned, or three days after in a case of measles, the child may return on pre-

sentation of a certificate from the attending physician or from the board of health.

6. "The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

7. A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

8. A written excuse stating cause of absence, and signed by parent or guardian, must be presented by the pupil on his return to school.

SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1899, TO JUNE, 1900.

SCHOOLS.	Average Member-ship.	Average Attend-ance.	Per cent of Attend-ance.	Total Enrol-ment.	Total Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dismiss- sed.	Truants.	Corporal punish- ment.	Visits by Superin- tendent.	Visits by Others.
Caryville Primary,	22.58	20.44	90.59	30	386.5	54	31	0	1	21	29
North Primary,	46.62	41.06	89.18	56	888.5	22	2	0	2	24	19
North Grammar,	33.84	32.11	96.30	44	223	5	31	2	2	23	51
Massey Grammar,	26.10	24.34	91.74	34	395	93	63	5	5	22	38
Massey Primary,	34.31	32.30	93.85	45	330	40	12	5	15	27	60
Chilson,	18.31	17.04	93.22	22	233.5	19	86	0	3	14	43
South Grammar,	20.20	19.42	96.13	20	125	3	11	0	0	11	95
South Primary,	36.80	33.15	95.51	65	237.5	0	0	0	0	11	113
Summaries,	238.26	221.76	93.20	325	2903	236	186	12	28	152	448

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	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Number under five years of age	1	0	1
Number between five and fifteen	147	149	296
Number over fifteen	3	1	4
Number between seven and fourteen	105	122	227

School Census Statistics, September, 1900:—

Number of children in town between five and fifteen	152	148	300
Number of children in town between seven and fourteen	107	109	216
Population of the town, census of 1900, (exclusive of laborers on electric road)	.	.	1507

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1900.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHERE FITTED.	Salary Rate.
South Grammar,	Katherine F. Allen,	Woonsocket High,	\$378
South Primary,	Mary A. Billings,	Dean Academy,	396
Chilson,	Elsie V. Trask,	Franklin High,	306
Massey Grammar,	Mary Forbes,	N. S. Academy,	360
Massey Primary,	Lucia V. Nickerson,	Randolph, Vt., Normal,	360
North Grammar,	Hannah G. Kennedy,	Bridgewater Normal,	360
North Primary,	Emily F. Upton,	Newburyport Training,	360
Caryville Primary,	Katherine L. Bragg,	Bridgewater Normal,	342

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1900, TO JUNE, 1901.

FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Sept. 10, 1900	Dec. 14, 1900	Dec. 31, 1900	March 22, '01	April 8, 1901	June 14, '01

Holidays during the year:—

Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day and Memorial Day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1901, TO JUNE, 1902.

FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Sept. 9, 1901	Dec. 13, 1901	Dec. 30, 1901	March 21, 1902	April 7, 1902	June 13, '02

Holidays during the year:—

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, and Memorial Day.

HONORABLE MENTION.

The following named children have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified. The record ends June, 1900:—

TWO YEARS AND TWO TERMS.

Ethel Maxcy—North Grammar.

ONE YEAR AND ONE TERM.

Roby E. Staples, Grace L. McCarthy, Mary L. McCarthy—South Grammar.

ONE YEAR.

Edith Rockwood, Martin Rockwood, Everett Rockwood, John Graves—Massey Primary.

Florence Whipple—South Primary.

Ada M. Trask, Caroline S. Trask, Weston D. Aldrich, Amy F. Aldrich—Chilson.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

Elmer J. Camp, Louise E. Pickering—Caryville Primary.

Gladys Cook—Massey Grammar.

Fred Mather—Massey Primary.

Maud Usher—South Primary.

Annie V. Phillips—Chilson.

Pansy L. Usher—South Grammar.

FALL TERM.

Benjamin Beasley, Mary Dwyer, Patrick Dwyer, Connie Foley, Rudolph Griffin, William Kennedy, John Kennedy, Avery Metcalfe, Alphonse Reardon, Edward Smith—North Primary.

Ernest Camp, George Fitzpatrick, J. Francis Desmond, J. Henry Foley, James E. Kennelly, J. Joseph Naughton, Mi-

chael J. Smith, George M. Tingley, Mary J. Beasley, Mary E. Desmond, Fred Foley, Michael Kennedy—North Grammar.

William Keith, Lester Osborne, E. Gertrude Rockwood—Massey Grammar.

Ibelle Osborne, Lilla Spencer, Fred Spicer, Alice Smith, Ruel Thayer—Massey Primary.

Louise Leversque, Vera Cook, Maud Pickering, Edna Cook, Irene Potter, Annie Lloyd, Ethel Tupper, Iva Cook, Ora Harper, William French, Benjamin Staples, Fred Whipple, Victor Lee, Lester Cook—South Primary.

John C. Peterson, Bertha Unwin—Chilson.

Waldo I. Cook, Grace M. Wales, Mary E. Lloyd, Geneva A. Tupper, Ethel A. Pickering, Mabel L. Whipple, Lucy I. Wales—South Grammar.

WINTER TERM.

William Kiernan—Caryville Primary.

Martin Beasley, Abbie Dwyer—North Primary.

Mabelle Webber, John Blake—Massey Grammar.

Daniel Mather, Harry Bullard—Massey Primary.

Maud Pickering, Elijah B. Staples, Louise Leversque, Fred C. Whipple, Henry Dion, George Blanchard, Lottie Staples, Joseph Bermier—South Primary.

Waldo I. Cook, Henry A. McCarthy, Lucy Wales—South Grammar.

SPRING TERM.

Israel St. Martin, Kate Kiernan, Delia O'Keefe—Caryville Primary.

William Foley—North Primary.

Ernest Camp, Walter Bullard, Joseph Deamond, Henry Foley, Bridget Dwyer, Michael Smith, George Tingley, Mary Beasley, Fred Foley, Michael Kennedy—North Grammar.

Grace Bullard, Hope Bullard, Linda Bates, William Keith, Vera Thayer, George Thayer, Delia Brown—Massey Grammar.

Ernest Belcher, Mary Brown, Harrison Bates, George O'Hara, Ruel Thayer, Grace White—Massey Primary.

Francis Pickering, Eva Peppin, Julia Bermier, Annie

Lloyd, Gertrude Estes, Edna Cook—South Primary.

John Peterson, Charles Phillips, Jr., Charles Migneault, Bertha Phillips, Harold C. Paul, Earl Paul—Chilson.

Mary E. Lloyd, Vestella M. Burr, Florence Tupper, Maud E. Pickering, Louise Leveresque, Everett Estes—South Grammar.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Fourth day of March, A. D., 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2.—To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk for 1 year, Town Treasurer for 1 year, 3 Selectmen for 1 year, 1 Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years, 3 Assessors for 1 year, Auditor for 1 year, Collector of Taxes for 1 year, 1 School Committee to fill vacancy, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 4 Constables for 1 year, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year, 1 Tree Warden for 1 year; also on the same ballot to answer the following question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" "Yes" or "No." Polls to be opened at ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3.—To hear the report of the several boards of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4.—To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, support of schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, transportation of scholars and salary of Superintendent of Schools; 2nd, highways and bridges, railings and guide-boards; 3rd, support of the poor; 4th, repair of Town buildings; 5th, incidental items; 6th, printing; 7th, interest on Town debt; 8th, to pay Town debt; 9th, pay of Town officers; 10th, repairs in the cemeteries; 11th, Decoration Day; 12th, public library; 13th, indigent soldiers' aid; 14th, prosecution and care of tramps.

ARTICLE 5.—To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

ARTICLE 6.—To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector, and establish the Collector's salary.

ARTICLE 7.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8.—To see if the Town will accept of the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9.—To see if the Town will allow any bill that may be presented.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to pay the laborers on the highways by the day instead of the hour as now, or act or do anything relating to the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate some money to pay for an iron drinking fountain at Rakeville, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate some money to establish a watering tub with running water in the Centre of the Town, or act or do anything relating to the same.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will sell the Quinobequin and Beaver Pond schoolhouses or do anything relating to the same.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 309, Acts of 1885, authorizing "towns to license groves to be used for picnics and other lawful amusements" or do anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this 16th day of February, A. D. 1901.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest:

SILAS H. WILLIAMS,
Constable of Bellingham.

